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PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 30, 2005 by two (2) months. **This Petition is being filed to extend the time for responding sufficiently to permit the filing of a Divisional Application claiming the priority of the present application.** Enclosed is our check No. 23724 which includes the amount of \$225.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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